

69. (New) The audio appliance of Claim 66 wherein said security circuitry is operable to:

map a vector to a selected location in said memory storing said security procedure;

attempt to execute said security procedure; and

cause said audio appliance to operate in a secure operation in accordance with said security procedure when said security procedure executes.

70. (New) The audio appliance of Claim 66 wherein said circuitry for decoding comprises a microprocessor.

71. (New) The audio appliance of Claim 70 wherein said security circuitry forms a portion of said microprocessor.

72. (New) The audio appliance of Claim 70 wherein said microprocessor comprises a cache including a plurality of lockable entries for storing security information.

73. (New) The audio appliance of Claim 70 wherein said microprocessor comprises a translation look aside buffer including a plurality of lockable entries for storing security information.

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HAND-HELD AUDIO DECODER

ABSTRACT

A handheld audio decoder including a central processing unit operating in response to a set of instructions for decoding a stream of encoded digital audio data. The audio decoder also includes memory for storing the set of instructions and digital to analog converter circuitry for generating audio from the decoded stream of digital audio data.

REMARKS

The present application is a division of application serial no. 09/495,813, filed February 1, 2000, entitled CIRCUITS, SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR INFORMATION